

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



June 24, 2010

REQUEST: City Council Bill #10-0476/ – 2024 Etting Street: For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as 2024 Etting Street (Block 0314, Lot 071) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

RECOMMENDATION: Amend and approve: Amend CCB #10-0476 to include the properties 2026 and 2028 Etting Street.

STAFF: Ken Hranicky

PETITIONER(S): The Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development)

OWNER: Mayor and City Council

SITE/ GENERAL AREA

<u>Site Conditions</u>: 2024 Etting Street is a rowhouse located mid-block between Presstman Street to the south and Bloom Street to the north. The lot measures approximately 13.5 feet by 69 feet. The rowhouse is zoned R-8.

<u>General Area</u>: This rowhouse is located in the Druid Heights neighborhood, which is represented by a mixture of residential and some commercial uses. The residential stock in the area is primarily comprised of rowhouses. At the northwest end of the block is a public park and playlot.

HISTORY

- Ordinance #77-376 established the Druid Heights Urban Renewal Plan, dated June 28, 1977.
- Ordinance 94-361, is the latest amendment to the Druid Heights Urban Renewal, dated June 22, 1994.

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

This site is located within the Druid Heights Urban Renewal Plan area. This project is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan's LIVE section, Goal 1: Build Human and Social Capital by Strengthening Neighborhoods, Objective 1: Expand Housing Choices for all Residents.

ANALYSIS

<u>Project</u>: The property was offered through the Rolling Bid program and Mr. Glen Mostow was the only bidder. Mr. Mostow has already done work on this block. These properties include 2009 and 2023 Etting Street. He is also purchasing 2025, 2026, and 2028 Etting Street and intends to rehabilitate these properties as well. The Mayor and City Council are the owners of 2026 and 2028 Etting Street. Staff has not been able to locate the authority to sell 2026 and 2028 Etting Street. Staff is recommending that CCB 10-0476 be amended to include those addresses. Rehabilitation of this property and others along this block will help reduce blight in the neighborhood.

The Central District Police-Community Relations Council, Druid Heights Community Development Corporation, Inc., Upton Planning Committee, Inc., and the Pennsylvania Avenue Redevelopment Collaborative were notified about this action.

Thomas J. Stosur Director